GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CROP INSURANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Crop Insurance Scheme has been fully implemented in Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to provide the benefit of insurance to the farmers at the time of natural calamity or any other loss and to enable them to get remunerative prices for their crops?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) is being implemented in Uttar Pradesh since Kharif 2000 season. The State Government of Uttranchal has not opted in favour of the scheme so far.

(b): NAIS is a voluntary scheme for the States/Union Territories. Uttranchal has not yet decided for the implementation of the scheme.

(c): The NAIS operates on area approach basis and for practical purposes it is allrisks (non-preventable) insurance scheme. If the actual yield per hectare of the insured crop for the defined area, in the insured crop season, falls short of the specified threshold yield, all the insured farmers growing that crop in the defined area are deemed to have suffered shortfall in their yield and become eligible for compensation. The scheme intends to provide coverage against yields losses and not market price of agricultural produce.